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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the filing fee.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-10 and add new claims 11-21, as follows:

11. (New) A fire protection device for domestic appliances, comprising:

at least one fault current circuit breaker coupled to the input electrical supply of at least one conductor of a domestic appliance, which fault current circuit breaker disconnects said electrical supply from said appliance when